

Provident fund for seamen

1740. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 224 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the modalities to recoup the lost provident fund for seamen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame of recoupment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to recoup the full amount of loss of Rs. 92.78 crore of Seamen's Provident Fund.

RCC bridges on Torsa river

1741. SHRI TARINI KANTARROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1837 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 2005 and state;

(a) whether second revised cost estimate of the project has since been approved; and

(b) if so, total estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised estimate has been sanctioned for Rs. 60.53 crore on 25th January, 2006.

Trauma Centres on NH-5

1742. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Trauma Centres set up by NHAI along NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) the exact location of such Trauma Centres;

(c) whether any effort has been made to interact with leading medical institutions, hospitals and medical colleges to share their time and facilities to treat trauma for road accident victims; and

(d) the details of such steps taken in 2005-06 and the current year by NHAI and other agencies relevant to this subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) NHAI does not set up the Trauma Centres along National Highways.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the scheme "Assistance for capacity Building", Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 1.50 corres or actual, whichever is less, for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of State Hospitals of towns/cities located on National Highways. Meetings are regularly conducted with NHAI, Department of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) regarding development of Trauma Centres in MoH&FW's scheme.

(d) One hospital each at Vishakhapatnam and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh have been given assistance during 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of hospital. As regards the State of Orissa, one hospital at Behrampur has been given assistance during 2006-07 under this scheme.

National Road Safety Council

1743. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the National Road Safety Council was held recently;

(b) the details of this meeting and names of NGO participants;

(c) what were the conclusions of this meeting;

(d) what were the lapses and inefficiencies identified at this meeting; and

(e) the details thereof?